

Appeal/Waiver Request

CC Docket #02-6

Applicant Name: **Monroe Woodbury Central School District**

Entity Number: 123720

Funding Year: 2017-2018

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Applicant Information

Applicant Name: Monroe Woodbury Central School District
BEN: 123720
Application #: 171018096

Post Commitment Rationale from USAC Appeal #104755

"Our records show that your appeal was filed more than 60 days after the date your decision letter was issued. Your appeal was filed on 5/23/2018. The funding commitment decision letter was issued on 2/2/2018. Federal Communications Commission (FCC) rules require appeals to be filed within 60 days of the date on the decision letter being appealed. FCC rules do not permit the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) to consider your appeal."

**This is a request for a Waiver/Appeal of the 60-day appeal deadline for
Monroe Woodbury CSD**

Waiver/Appeal Request

Funding Year 2017-2018 Appeal filed more than 60 days after the decision letter was issued.

Form 471 Information: 171018096

Funding Request Number(s): 1799063734

Total dollar amount **requested** (pre-discount): \$ 489,627.66

Total dollar amount **denied** (pre-discount): \$ 244,813.83

Service Provider Name: Annese & Associates, Inc. (SPIN 143005769)

Entity Denied: Monroe Woodbury Middle School (BEN 11203)

Reason for Denial

- 1) Monroe Woodbury Middle School was denied funding due to reviewer error. The reviewer's supervisor confirmed this and offered to process the application through the internal appeal process. Unfortunately, he was unsuccessful and later suggested going through the formal USAC appeal process (see attached email documentation).
- 2) The USAC appeal was automatically denied due to the 60-day appeal deadline. Since the reviewer was actually contacted prior to the 60 days (on day 58), I am requesting an FCC waiver of this rule. Please see the attached email documentation for more information.

Rationale for Request:

During the PIA review process, I reached out to the reviewer on numerous occasions, but did not receive a response. Due to the complexity of this particular application, it was imperative that I communicate with the reviewer to be sure he received and understood all the documentation I provided. Despite ongoing efforts, he never contacted me.

When I received the FCDL that stated the application was approved, I did not realize at first that only the funding for the High School was approved; the funding for the Middle School was denied in full. It was apparent the reviewer had missed some of the details regarding the Category 2 budget, an understandable mistake considering the complexity of this application. I reached out to the reviewer on day 58, admittedly late in the process, and asked that he contact me to discuss this denial; again, he did not respond. Eventually, I was able to contact his supervisor, who immediately saw the error. He offered to put the application through the internal appeal process since it was a USAC error. Unfortunately, he was told that 60 days had gone by and he advised that I make a formal appeal through USAC. This appeal was immediately dismissed (#104755), stating the 60 days had passed and only the FCC can consider the appeal.

I am requesting a waiver of the 60 day appeal deadline for these special circumstances. Additionally, I am requesting the application be re-reviewed to reverse the denial in funding for Monroe Woodbury Middle School.

Your consideration in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Julann Troiano

On behalf of Monroe Woodbury CSD
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Timeline

February 2, 2018:	FCDL issued
April 2, 2018:	Contacted PIA reviewer for denial information (58 days)
April 9 - May 18:	Communicated with Supervisor for internal appeal
May 18, 2018:	Advised by supervisor to file USAC appeal
May 23, 2018:	Filed USAC appeal
June 23, 2018:	USAC Appeal denied